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AUSTRALIA

COURT GIVEN DETAILS OF MARIHUANA SMUGGLING OPERATION

Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 13 Jun 79 p 49

[Text] Sydney: A Cairns boat owner was offered \$200,000 to provide a boat to bring a load of cannabis into Australia early last year, the Darlinghurst Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Emlyn Rees, the operator of a fishing vessel in Cairns, told the court that one of eight men in court on charges of conspiring to bring nearly five tonnes of cannabis into Australia had offered him the money for the use of his boat.

Rees said that the man, Gordon Simpson, told him that the reason for the plan to import the cannabis was "since it was going to be legalised soon, they thought they might as well get in for their cut while it was still a good proposition."

Those before the court were: Dominic Darrington Brokenshire (41), coxwain and driver, of Randwick, Stirling Bradon McCallum (46), motor trader, of Mosman; Graeme Lyall Cann (38), company director, of New Zealand, Bruce Hamilton Gimmrell (33), skipper, of Auckland, Warren Charles Porteus (35), of Narrabeena, Van Henry Simpson (26), fitter, of Randwick, Reinder Jan de Graaf (53), boat-builder, of Port Macquarie and Gordon Lindsey Simpson (48), fisherman, of Bermagui.

DENIALS

All pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiring

in Sydney and elsewhere between August 10, 1977 and June 10, 1978 to import cannabis into Australia.

Mr F. McAlary, QC, for the crown, alleged that the cannabis was originally loaded on to a Japanese fishing trawler owned by Cann from a pick-up point in the Gulf of Thailand.

He alleged that the cannabis was then taken by the trawler to Polkington Reef, near New Guinea, where it was unloaded on to a wreck.

Mr McAlary alleged that the trawler then travelled to the Solomon Islands and the various crew members travelled back to Australia by plane.

He said that in May 1978 another boat, the Anoa, was bought in Cairns and travelled to the reef, where it picked up 2.73 tonnes of cannabis and travelled back to Australia with it.

The cannabis was unloaded from the Anoa at North Haven on June 9, Mr McAlary said. A further 1.95 tonnes of cannabis had been found on the wreck later that year by the police and navy men.

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## AUSTRALIA

### MEMBERS OF TEAM TO INVESTIGATE NARCOTICS BUREAU NAMED

#### Victoria Officer Heads Team

Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 9 Jun 79 p 7

[Text] Canberra.--Victoria's assistant Police Commissioner (Mr. J. R. Hall) will head the inquiry into the alleged criminal leak in the Australian Bureau of Narcotics.

Commissioner Hall, 52, will lead a team of senior police from New South Wales, Queensland and the Commonwealth Police.

The Queensland Police Commissioner (Mr Lewis) said Queensland's representative would be Superintendent Ernie Horan (pictured), one of the State's most distinguished police officers.

The inquiry, announced last Friday, follows allegations that a senior bureau officer in Sydney was leaking information from a bureau computer to an international drug syndicate.

The decision to hold the inquiry prompted the resignation and later reinstatement of the bureau's commissioner Mr Harvey Bates.

Other members will be: Detective Inspector E. E. Lloyd, of the New South Wales Police and Detective Inspector D. J. Keeghan, of the Commonwealth Police.

The group will begin its investigations next week and will report to the Administrative Services Minister (Mr. McLeay).

### Murders

Mr. Leahy said yesterday the team would examine allegations first made in June 1978, by Douglas and Isobel Wilson, whose bodies were discovered recently at Rye, Victoria.

He said the creation of the group was unique in Australia and the men appointed were officers of standing.

Superintendent Horan, 54, married with two children, has received four favourable records, six commendations and the Queen's Commendation for bravery during 41 years in the force.

He was appointed Superintendent in charge of the Southern Police Region, based in Toowoomba, in October, 1977.

He worked for about 20 years as a detective and was widely regarded as one of the police force's most thorough investigators.

Assistant Commissioner Hall joined the Victoria Police in 1949.

At one stage he was in charge of the internal investigation group which looks into allegations against serving members of the Victoria Police.

His rise to a prominent post is described by present members of the force as rapid.

He was promoted from the rank of Chief Inspector to that of Assistant Commissioner in July 1977 by-passing superintendent rank.



Mr. Rod Hall: A unique investigation



SUPERINTENDENT HORAN

#### Team Head's Statement

Melbourne THE AGE in English 9 Jun 79 p 11

[Text]

By STEVE BALLARD

One of Victoria's top police investigators is to head the inquiry into an alleged leak in the Australian Bureau of Narcotics.

He is the Assistant Commissioner for Crime, Mr. Rod Hall.

Mr. Hall, 52, will be assisted by senior police from Queensland, New South Wales and the Commonwealth force.

The inquiry, announced by the Federal Government last Friday, followed claims that a narcotics bureau agent in Sydney had been selling information to an international drug ring.

The claims were first made a year ago by a New Zealand couple whose murdered bodies were found in the Rye "cubbyhole" grave last month.

The couple, Douglas and Isabel Wilson, told Queensland police in June that the ring had access to the narcotics bureau computer.

The Wilsons are believed to have told police that the inside man was paid an annual \$25,000 retainer, plus \$1000 a

time for information given to the ring and \$4000 for removing confidential papers.

Mr. Hall's appointment was announced yesterday by the Federal Minister for Administrative Services, Mr. Leay.

Mr. Hall will brief members of the joint police group in Canberra next week.

Mr. Hall joined the Victoria police force in 1949. He was promoted to Assistant Commissioner in 1977.

At the time he was a Chief Inspector in the force's internal investigation unit.

A senior police officer said yesterday Mr. Hall was regarded as a "very fair and competent" investigator.

In a statement released after the announcement, Mr. Hall said the investigation would be a unique experience for all police, as a joint investigation such as the one announced, had never been conducted in Australia before.

"It might well set a pattern for national investigations in the future," he said.

### Use of State Officers Scored

Melbourne THE AGE in English 11 Jun 79 p 3

[Text]

CANBERRA. — Federal narcotics officers had shadowed State officers to prevent tip-offs to drug suspects, the leader of the Australian Democrats, Senator Chipp, said yesterday.

Senator Chipp, a Minister for Customs and Excise in the McMahon Government, said he had ordered the shadowing of some State drug squads because of suspected bribery and corruption in the State forces.

"If there was a joint bust plan we could not let some of them (the State officers) out of our sight.

"My men had to shadow some of them to make sure suspects were not tipped off," he said.

Senator Chipp said he was appalled that the Federal Narcotics Bureau was being investigated by State police forces over the Wilson drug ring allegations.

(The Federal Government has set up a joint State police group to investigate allegations made by New Zealander Douglas Wilson that a Federal narcotics officer had leaked

information to a drug ring. Douglas Wilson and his wife Isobel were later found murdered at Rye.)

Senator Chipp did not identify the State forces which had been shadowed.

### Establishment

He also said some people "regarded in the community as eminent members of the establishment" were financing drug rings.

"But we could never get near them," Senator Chipp said.

Former Victorian Chief Secretaries, who had responsibility for the police drug force, last night denied knowledge of the allegations.

Mr. Ray Meagher, who was Chief Secretary for some months in 1972 at the end of Senator Chipp's Ministry, said he had heard "no breath" of State surveillance by Federal officers.

Senator Chipp ought to substantiate his claims by naming the police forces involved, he said.

Mr. Vance Dickie, Chief Secretary 1973-1978, said he was unaware of any undercover surveillance of State police.

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STIFF SENTENCES RENDERED TO FIVE OFFENDERS UNDER DRUGS LAW

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 2 Aug 79 pp 1,4 BK

[Text] Nattalin, 29 Jul--Nattalin Township Court No (5) yesterday sentenced four men and a woman to various jail terms as they were found guilty of offences under the Narcotic Drugs Law.

The case was that on 2 April 1978, police raided the houses of U Tin Maung and U Thaung Shwe in Kyungon Village, western sector of Nattalin Township, and seized about 415 ticals [100 ticals equal 3.6 pounds] of raw opium from the two houses, reportedly brought by U Tun Yi of Tikyit Village, Hopong Township.

Police arrested U Tin Maung, U Thaung Shwe, U Tun Yi, Maung San Tint (son of U Tin Maung) and Ma Myint Myint San (wife of Maung San Tint), who were present in the houses at time of the raid.

Police booked them under Sections 6(b) (possession) and 10(b) (sale) of the Narcotic Drugs Law and sent them up for trial before the Township Court.

The Court sentenced U Tin Maung to ten years' imprisonment under Sections 6(b) and 11 (abetment) and a 15-year term under Section 10(b) (sale) of the Narcotic Drugs Law and ordered the sentences to be served concurrently.

Similarly, the Court sentenced U Tun Yi to a ten-year term under Sections 6(b) and 11 and 20 years imprisonment under Sections 7(b) (punishment for transportation) and 10(b) (sale) of the Narcotic Drugs Law and ordered the sentences to be served concurrently.

The Court also sentenced U Thaung Shwe to 10 years' imprisonment, Maung San Tint and Ma Myint Myint to five years imprisonment each under Section 6(b) (possession) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

The Nattalin Township Court No (5) was chaired by U San Maung with U Aye Thwe and U Nyunt Tin as members.

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**NARCOTIC SEIZURES AT TAUNGGYI REPORTED**

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 7 Aug 79 p 4 BK

[Text]

TAUNGGYI, 1 Aug—A narcotics suppression team led by Police Inspector U Ye Myint and Sub-Inspector U Tun Myint, together with Kanshay Ward People's councillors, raided the Shan State lodging house and seized a Nescafe tin filled with 1,400 grammes of heroin, hidden under the floor boards and a block of raw opium from Sai Tun Aye, one of the guests, at 11 pm on 31 July. The seizure was valued at more than K 40,000.

Police are taking action against U Hein Khin, owner of the lodging house, guests Sai Kyi Lin, Sai San Taw and Sai Tun Aye under Sections 6 (b) (possession) and 10 (b) (sale) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

Similarly the team seized more than K 20,000 worth of heroin from the house of U Aung Thein, Tetkhit Street, Lanmadaw Ward, Taunggyi, on 22 July.

Five grammes of heroin valued at more than K 600 was also seized from two passengers on board a Jeep, No Gangai/6772, at the north entrance gate of Taunggyi on 29 July.—(177)

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**TWO MEN INVOLVED IN OPIUM SMUGGLING BY SEA JAILED 15 YEARS**

Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 24 Jul 79 p 7 BK

[Text] Rangoon, 23 Jul--The Seikkan township court handed down jail sentences to two defendants connected with the seizure of about 240 pounds of smuggled raw and cooked opium, worth more than 240,000 kyat, from a schooner by a search party of the Customs Department.

The case was that at 0900 on 2 April 1978, a rummaging party from the Customs Department led by Preventive Officer U Aung Myint boarded and searched private schooner "Thein Tun Aung" anchored at the mouth of Rangoon river prior to its departure for Mergui.

The customs party found between the cargo hatch and the engine room of the schooner a secret panel leading to a room. In the room were three bags of garlic and a gunny bag inside of which were 50 packages of raw opium weighing 227 pounds 7 ounces and 6 packages of cooked opium weighing 12 pounds--a total weight of 239 pounds and 7 ounces.

Win Aung, 32, Chit San, 40, Sein Win, 31, and Ma Tin Tin were arrested and handed over to the Seikkan police force on 3 April 1978. The Seikkan police filed charges under Sections 6.B, 7.B, 10.B, 11 and 14.D [of the Narcotic Drugs Law] and brought the four accused to the Seikkan township court on 27 April 1978.

The Seikkan court chaired by Capt Khin Aung found Win Aung, 32, of Sarye village, Sagaing township and Chit San, 40, of Anauk-le village, Mergui township, guilty as charged under Sections 6.B/11 and 7.B/11.

On 16 July 1979, the court handed down to each of the two accused 10 years imprisonment with hard labor under Section 6.B/11 and 15 years imprisonment with hard labor under Section 7.B/11, both the sentences to be served concurrently.

The other two defendants were acquitted and the schooner was returned to its owner.

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**'NOTORIOUS' OPIUM DEALERS ARRESTED IN PROME AREA**

Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 3 Aug 79 p 6 BK

[Text] Paungde, 31 Jul--Sinnizwe and Prome city people's police force have arrested and filed charges against six notorious opium dealers from Thegon, Prome and Paungde townships, Pegu Division.

Under the direction of the deputy divisional police commander in Prome, Station Officer U Than Aung and a party from Sinnizwe police unit, together with witnesses, searched the residence of U Tin Sein near Sinnizwe market. The search conducted on the morning of 18 July uncovered 3.275 viss [1 viss equals 3.6 pounds] of raw opium.

U Tin Sein and his son-in-law Maung Aye Shwe were arrested.

Acting on information provided by U Tin Sein, police raided the residences of U Tin Sein's contacts--U Tin Hlaing of Tethipin village, Thegon township, U Tun Myint of Ashay street, Paungde, and Daw Ohn Kyi of Tine-chit ward.

Papers seized from U Tin Hlaing's house revealed his opium dealings with Daw Ohn Kyi.

Prome police unit No. 1 also raided U Tin Sein's contact U Htwe's house in Kothaung ward of Prome. A small amount of opium and 3,100 kyat worth of demonetized 100 and 50 kyat notes.

U Htwe was charged under Sections 6.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law and under Section 4 of the 1964 Demonetization Law.

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DRUG TRAFFICKERS CAUGHT AT LASHIO

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 1 Aug 79 pp 1,4 BK

[Text] Lashio, 23 Jul--A team of officials headed by Lashio Township People's Council members seized four balls of raw opium and three packets of brown opium powder valued at K 26,000 from three young women yesterday.

The Township People's Councillors stopped and searched a jeep, No Gangai/5879, on its way from Lashio to Mandalay at Khenin village on 22 July.

The People's Councillors found four balls of raw opium weighing 5.2252 kilogrammes and three packets of brown opium powder weighing 2.9392 grammes from three women on the jeep.

The three women were identified as Ma Sann Yi of No 4 Ward and Ma Aye Kham of No 5 Ward, Lashio, and Ma Twan Lem Hua of Hsipaw.

Action is being taken against the three under Sections 6(b) (possession), 7(b) (transportation), 10 (b) (sale) and 11 (abetment of offence) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

Hypodermic Syringe

A Crime Prevention Squad of the Rangoon Division People's Police Force today arrested a man who was found in possession of a 10 cc hypodermic syringe.



Photo from Rangoon  
BOTATAUNG in Burmese  
31 Jul 79 p 4 BK

Acting on information, the policemen searched Kamal (28) of No 35, 27th Street in Pabedan Township in upper 27th Street in the presence of witnesses this afternoon.

Kamal was caught in the act of taking the hypodermic syringe hidden in the folds of his longyi [sarong] and throwing it away.

Police are taking action against him under Sections 6(b) (possession) and 14 (d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drug Law.

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BIG DRUG HAUL IN SOUTH OKKALAPA

New Type Heroin Seized

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 28 Jul 79 p 1 BK

[Text] Rangoon, 27 Jul--Men of the Crime Prevention Division (Rangoon Division People's Police Force) headed by Inspector U Tha Oo seized 39 packets of heroin weighing more than 11 ticals [1 tical equals .036 pound] in Ward 10, South Okkalapa, Thursday.

The seizure was valued at K17,550.

Acting on information that heroin was being sold at house No 12, 1st Street, in Ward 10, South Okkalapa, police of the antinarcotics squad headed by Inspector U Tha Oo and Ward People's Councillors put the house under surveillance since early that morning.

A few minutes after 11 o'clock the police and Ward People's Councillors saw a man come to the house and put him under arrest.

When the man, later identified as U Kyaw Htin (67) of No 87 (ground floor) Kon-zay-dan Street, Pabedan Township, was searched the authorities found 39 packets of heroin hidden in his folding umbrella.

After questioning U Kyaw Htin police rounded up Win Maung (40) of No 325, 11th Street, Ward 10, South Okkalapa; Nyunt Hlaing (45) of No 431, Kaw-liya 20th Street, Ward 13, South Okkalapa, and Myint Oo (32) of No 591, Thandani 10th Street, Ward 9, South Okkalapa.

The four men were believed to be members of a gang distributing heroin in Rangoon Division.

The heroin seized from U Kyaw Htin is reportedly a new type which had never been seized in Rangoon Division before.

Samples of the drug have been sent to the Criminal Investigation Department in Insein for laboratory analysis to find out the purity of the heroin.

- The four men were handed over to South Okkalapa police who have booked them under Sections 6(b)(possession)/10(b) (sale)/II(abetment of offences)/14(d) (failure to register) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

Three Others Arrested

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 30 Jul 79 p 1 BK

- [Text] Rangoon, 28 Jul--Three more persons, including a woman, have been rounded up by police of the Crime Prevention Division (Rangoon Division) in connection with the seizure of 39 packets of heroin in South Okkalapa last Thursday.

Four men were arrested after police seized 39 packets of heroin from one of them at No 12, 1st Street, Ward 10, South Okkalapa, on 26 July (WPD 28 July 1979).

Acting on information given by the four men police last Friday rounded up Tin Sint (32) of No 469, Nyinyutyay Lane, Nya, Ward, Thingyangyun; Daw Nyunt Sein (45) of No 303, Khaemarthi Road, Gagy Ward, North Okkalapa, and Tun Yi (28) of No 1001, Pinya 17th Street, Ward 5, South Okkalapa, who were alleged to be members of the chain of heroin distributors.

The three have also been booked under Sections 6(b) (possession)/10(b) (sale)/II (abetment of offences)/14(d) (failure to register) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

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THREE DRUG PUSHERS SENTENCED IN PABEDAN, BOTATAUNG

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 25 Jul 79 pp 1,4

[Text] Rangoon, 24 Jul--The Pabedan Township Court No (2) chaired by U Khin Maung Lay today sentenced Chit Than (22) of the Irrigation Department Compound, 8-1/2 Mile, Rangoon, to five years' imprisonment under Section 6(b) (possession) and to one and a half years' imprisonment under Section 14 (d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

The two sentences are to be served concurrently.

Chit Than was found with a hypodermic syringe and 12 packets of heroin worth K 25 each when police searched him at the corner of 30th and Mahabandoola Streets on 24 February 1978.

Botataung

The Botataung Township Court today sentenced Tin Aung (18) of 44th Street, to ten years' imprisonment under Section 6 (b) (possession) and to three years' imprisonment under Section 14 (d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. The two sentences are to be served concurrently.

Similarly, the Township Court sentenced Tin Aye (22) also of 44th Street, to three years' imprisonment under Section 14 (d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drugs Law.

The case was that a police party led by Botataung Police Station Officer U Aung Tun raided the house of Tin Aung at No 30, 44th Street on 2 April 1978 and found a hypodermic syringe filled with heroin solution hidden in a bed room. The police also arrested Tin Aye who was with Tin Aung at the time of the search.

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BRIEFS

FIVE YEARS FOR DRUG OFFENSE--Pe Thein alias Argin Bai (21) of No 48, 28th Street, Rangoon was sentenced to five years' imprisonment on conviction under Section 6(b) (possession) and to one year imprisonment under Section 14(d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drugs Law by the Pabedan Township Court chaired by U Tha Oo yesterday. The two sentences are to be served concurrently. The case was that Pe Thein's aunt Daw Sann Myint alias Daw Haley informed the police by phone that her nephew Pe Thein was smoking marijuana on 8 September 1978. A police party arrested Pe Thein after seizure of a packet of marijuana valued at one Kyat from his pocket. [Text] [Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 11 Aug 79 p 4 BK]

DRUG PUSHER GIVEN FIVE-YEAR TERM--Pabedan Township Court Saturday sentenced a young man to five years' imprisonment on conviction of an offence under Section 6(b) (possession) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. The case was that on 13 June 1979 a squad from the Rangoon Division Crime Prevention Division seized four packets of opium residue, each weighing one tical, (100 ticals= 3.6 lbs) from Hla Tun (25) of No 124, Yegu Station Road, Kaba Aye, in front of Theingyizay C Shed. Police accordingly arrested Hla Tun and sent him up for trial before the Pabedan Township Court. [Text] [Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 12 Aug 79 p 4 BK]

HEROIN IN MEIKTILA--Shande, 5 August--Acting on information, Police Sub-Inspector U Thura of Meiktila Police Station No. 2, Secretary of Ward Council U Hla Shwe and Township People's Councillors U San Tun and U Aung Paw raided the house of U Chaw in Aungzabai Ward, Pha-Sa-Pa-La Quarter, Meiktila, on the morning of 3 August and seized four packages of heroin, a syringe and a needle. Heroin users Kyaw Min of Min Ward, Yint Than of Myingyan, Kyaw Khin of Taunggyi, and Myint Lwin of Old Railway Station Wars and heroin buyers Tin Ngwe of Pha-Sa-Pa-La Quarter, Zaw Win of Taungdan, Hla Tun of Pha-Sa-Pa-La Quarter, Zaw Win of Nandawgon, and Chit Maung of Jahattan were arrested and charges have been filed against them. [Text] [Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese 12 Aug 79 p 6 BK]

ARREST FOR TRAFFICKING--Rangoon, 11 August--Acting on information, Police Sub-Inspector U Khin Maung Tint and a team of policemen, under the direction of Commander U Win Myint of Bahan township people's police force, searched the warehouse behind the Aye and Sons Car Workshop on Kaba-Aye Road at 1000 yesterday and arrested Thadoe Lwin alias Po Shan of No. 8 (B) Ching Chong Avenue in Shwetaunggya Ward No. 5, Ye Win of No. 10 (B) Ching Chong Avenue and Htin Aung of No. 87 Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road, who have been trafficking, injecting and using heroin, along with some heroin. Action has been taken against them under Sections 6 (B), 10 (B) and 14 (A) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. SW/ [Text] [Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese 13 Aug 79 p 7 BK]

PUSHER ARRESTED--Rangoon, 28 Jul--Subinspector of Police U Tin Oo and party of the Rangoon Division Crime Prevention Division seized a packet of heroin with a street value of K 20 and K 20 in cash, believed to be proceeds from the sale of heroin, from a youth at the corner of Mandalay Street, Kandawgalay, Rangoon, Friday evening. Police in the presence of witnesses searched Salim alias Than Win (20) of 1st Dohbi Lane, Kandawgalay Quarter, Mingalataungnyunt Township, and found the packet of heroin and K 20 in cash in his shirt pocket. Salim alias Than Win was handed over to Mingalataungnyunt Township police who booked him under Sections 6(b) (possession), 10 (b) (sale) and 14(d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 30 Jul 79 p 1 BK]

TWO ARRESTED IN HLAING TOWNSHIP--Subinspector of Police U San Hlaing and party of the Crime Prevention Division, acting on a tip, raided a house at No 2, Seikta Thukha Road, Ward 7, Hlaing Township, and seized a packet of raw opium weighing one viss and five ticals [1 viss equals 3.6 lbs], with a street value of K 4,000 from the house. Police arrested the owner of the house Ko Win Aung (36) and Ko Tin Aung (36) of No 10, Hlaing River Road, Ward 3, Hlaing Township, who was present in the house. Ko Win Aung and Ko Tin Aung were handed over to Hlaing Police who booked them under Sections 6(b), 10(b) and 14(d) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 30 Jul 79 p 4 BK]

THREE JAILED FOR POSSESSION--Shwebo, 24 Jul--The Court No (3), chaired by U Khin Maung Nyo in Shwebo, Sagaing Division, today sentenced three men to five years' imprisonment each under Section 6(b) (possession) of the Narcotics Drugs Law. The three men were Aung Myint alias Aye Ko of Pyinzay Ward and Maung Maung and Kyi Tun of Hledan Ward here. The case was that a police party from Shwebo People's Police Force, acting on information, stopped and searched passenger bus "Yanaung-mann" coming to Shwebo from Mandalay, at the bus terminal on 2 May 1978. The police seized five penicillin bottles filled with heroin from Aung Myint alias Aye Ko, three penicillin bottles filled with heroin from Maung Maung and four penicillin bottles filled with heroin from Kyi Tun. The three men were sent up before the Court No 3 for trial. [Text] [Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 4 Aug 79 p 1 BK]

HEROIN SEIZED--Rangoon, 4 Aug--Police of the Rangoon Division Crime Prevention Division headed by Station Commander U Aung Soe, seized a packet of heroin with a street value of K 20 from a man in Thanzay, Lammadaw Street, this morning. The man was, Tan Sein Boon (35) of No 132, 17th Street, Rangoon. Police also searched his house and seized four more packets of heroin with a street value of K 20 each in a match box. Tan Sein oon was handed over to Latha Police Station and booked under Sections 6(b) (possession), 10(b) (sale) and 14(d) (failure to register for treatment) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 5 Aug 79 p 1 BK]

TAUNGGYI POLICE SEIZE HEROIN--Taunggyi, 30 Jul--Subinspector U Tun Myint, Corporal U Win Tun and a unit from Shan State's Taunggyi people's police mobile squad last night stopped and searched at northern exit from Taunggyi a passenger jeep No. C/6772 operating between Taunggyi and Shwenyaung. Three packets of heroin, each weighing 3 grams, and worth 600 kyat were found from two passengers of the jeep--Than Tun of Heho railways ward and Tin Maung Win of Myoma ward. The two passengers were charged under Sections 6.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text][Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 6 Aug 79 p 2 BK]

MAN JAILED FOR POSSESSING HEROIN--Rangoon, 3 Aug--Win Aung, a resident in the compound of Rangoon general hospital, who was charged under Sections 6.B and 14.D of the Narcotic Drugs Law for using drugs and possessing two packets of heroin, was found guilty as charged by a special court chaired by Capt Khin Maung Myint, which is hearing cases filed under "Project Galon" [crime suppression drive] in Rangoon's Kyauktada township. The court today sentenced Win Aung to 5 years imprisonment under Section 6.B and to 3 years under Section 14.D, both sentences to be served concurrently. [Text] [Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese 4 Aug 79 p 7 BK]

SHAN, MANDALAY POLICE SEIZE HEROIN--Taunggyi, 24 Jul--Inspector U Ye Myint of the Shan State Narcotic Drugs Suppression Division, Station officers U Thein Tun and U Soe Thein of the Mandalay Division Narcotic Drugs Suppression Division, and a party of ward councilors on the evening of 22 July raided the residence of U Aung Thein in Lanmadaw ward of Taunggyi. The search uncovered 62 packets of heroin, weighing 310 grams, a small amount of opium and opium smoking equipment. The seizure was worth 8,000 kyat. U Aung Thein, his daughter Ma Khin Kyu and Ma Nan Myat of Wan Hai village, Namsan township were charged under Sections 6.B, 7.B and 10.B of the Narcotic Drugs Law. [Text] [Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 30 Jul 79 p 4 BK]

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HONG KONG

### COSTLY DRUGS MEAN RISE IN METHADONE USE

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 25 Jul 79 p 12

[Text]

A record number of addicts are turning up at methadone maintenance centres for treatment because they cannot get their supply of illegal drugs.

But the acting Commissioner of Narcotics, Mr Bowen Leung, yesterday described the turnout as "absolutely expected."

And the Medical and Health Department's Assistant Director (Narcotics), Dr K. F. Chan, appealed to all addicts to take the opportunity to shake the habit.

He said: "All are welcome to come to any of our 20 methadone centres which are open seven days a week, even during typhoons."

He said that there is ample stock of methadone to cope with any demand.

Dr Chan said that on June 18, 7,082 addicts flocked to the 20 centres for methadone.

But on May 30, 5,100 drug addicts went to centres.

About 8,000 addicts are "effectively registered" — which means that their names are struck off if they fail to show up for four weeks.

Last week, 1,100 "drop-outs" surfaced for the first time in four weeks or more, plus 153 newcomers.

Each centre can cater to 1,000 addicts.

But on June 18, 2,040 addicts queued up at the Sir Robert Black Centre in San Po Kong.

"On the same day, 830 turned up at Eastern, 809 at Tsun Wan's Sir David Trench and 624 at Wanchai's Violet Peel centres."

Dr Chan said: "Through our close connections with the International Narcotics Control Board we can always arrange supplies to be airlifted here, as we did in 1976 when we opened 16 centres within three weeks."

The head of the police Narcotics Bureau, Chief Superintendent Malcolm Farnham, said there is a shortage of dangerous drugs.

This is because of:

- A poor crop in the Golden Triangle.

- The increasing arrests of traffickers by Burmese and Thai authorities.

- The considerable success in the crop substitution programme.

- The pressure being maintained in Hongkong by the police and customs.

Mr Farnham said: "Not only do addicts have to pay more for the drug but they also get very poor quality in return."

"One of our tasks in life is to push the prices up to drive addicts to Dr Chan's clinics."

Because of its scarcity old stocks of the drug have been diluted to produce more, thereby reducing the purity to about 10 per cent.

In May it was 26 per cent, he said.

But while the Golden Triangle crop has been reduced to 150 to 200 tons as compared to 700 to 1,000 tons in a good harvest, there has been a good crop in the Middle East.

"It's therefore important that we maintain the pressure — it's not the end but just the starting," said Mr Farnham.

The Assistant Commissioner of Customs and Excise Service, Mr Roy Hatton, said drugs seizures at the airport in the first six months of this year had dropped drastically to about five per cent of those last year.

"We only had one case of half a kilo of heroin and three kilos of marijuana," he said.

There were seizures ashore but Mr Hatton said the drugs involved were old stocks.

He and Mr Farnham accepted the latest estimate of the addict population, based on the Central Registry of Drug Addicts, at between 35,000 and 50,000.

In the 1960s, both the police and the customs accepted a "guesstimate" of 100,000 drug addicts in Hongkong.

Mr Farnham also said that the police had been "pressing quite hard" on marijuana.

He said local Chinese are "very rarely" involved in the drug.

"It is mostly brought in by expatriates and overseas Chinese for their friends."

Superintendent (Investigation) K. S. Tong of the Customs and Excise also revealed a new kind of "self-service" heroin den which had sprung up in recent months.

Customers are given a key to a flat where the drug is left for him to help himself.

"To avoid detection, operators of these dens normally allow one and a maximum of three to four customers at one time."



Mr Leung

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HONG KONG

# PRISON SHOULDN'T BE FIRST DETERRENT FOR ADDICTS

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 5 Jul 79 p 11

[Text]

Imprisonment should be used as the "ultimate sanction" to deter criminals, the Commissioner for Prisons, Mr Tom Garner, said yesterday.

He told the Lions Club of Bayview: "The fact is that we must of necessity try to keep out of prison the offender who can be treated within the community without being sent to prison."

But he added that in the case of violent crime prison would usually be the first choice.

Mr Garner stressed that more muscle should be put into stopping crime and into reforming criminals once they had been caught.

"Crime is as old as man himself, but research into crime is still relatively new," he said.

But some headway had been made into treating youth and drug addicts.

He said the drug treatment centres set up as an alternative to prison had a success rate of 64 per cent in the first year of an addicts supervision.

Forty per cent of treated addicts were still living successfully in society three years after leaving a centre.

"If abstinence from drugs is the only criteria for success

then a further 10 per cent can be added to these totals," Mr Garner said.

"Hongkong has, in this field, gained much knowledge and accumulated many years of experience.

"It is not surprising to us therefore that we can achieve what others have failed to achieve although we are still not satisfied."

He said it was important to get to grips with would-be delinquent children at an early age and try to reform them.

Prostitution was another big problem.

"We must take a closer look at such people as prostitutes are often sent to prison for very short periods of time and as a result little or nothing can be done for them."

Mr Garner said in 1977 a pilot scheme aimed at youths between 21 and 25 was set up "with the object of providing a short but sharp lesson" instead of long jail terms.

"Most of the offenders admitted to this programme have been convicted of offences involving violence and therefore would in the normal course of events have been awarded a much longer prison sentence."

Up to last month, 49 youths had finished the custodial side of the programme and were now under "after-care" supervision.

A study is yet to be compiled on how successful the scheme has been.



Mr Garner

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HONG KONG

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**LONG-TIME ADDICT IN JAIL**--A restaurant cook who was said to have been an opium addict for more than 30 years was sentenced to 2 1/2 years' imprisonment yesterday for manufacturing and possessing \$100,000 worth of opium for unlawful trafficking. Li Shing (6) also drank opium water frequently to cure his bone ache, his counsel, Mr Robert Ribeiro, told Mr Justice Baber in the High Court. Li pleaded guilty to: Possessing 1,435.3 grams of prepared opium, 995.9 grams of raw opium, 169.8 grams of opium dross and 457 liters of opium water; manufacturing opium; being tenant of a flat in Tokwawan, permitted it to be used as a drug divan. The court was told that customs officers kept observation for some time on a flat in Tokwawan which was used as godown and living quarters for Li and fellow-employees of a restaurant, and on another nearby flat which had been rented to Li. On 19 March the officers raided the two flats and seized a quantity of opium and paraphernalia for manufacturing prepared opium in the godown. At the other flat, officers found three men lying on a mattress with one in the act of smoking opium. There was another man who admitted he was operating the divan. Mr Ribeiro said in mitigation that a large quantity of the opium seized was for Li's own consumption. The manufacturing of the prepared opium was only on a small scale. Li was not a professional trafficker and he had shown remorse by pleading guilty. He has a mother, a wife and eight children, and has been in full time employment as a cook for the past 12 years, Mr Ribeiro added. Crown counsel Miss H. M. Ho-shing prosecuted. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 2 Aug 79 p 12]

**DRUGS NET JAIL TERM**--A man was sentenced yesterday to 2 1/2 years in prison for possession of drugs for unlawful trafficking. Fong Ka-shing (29) pleaded guilty before Mr W. J. McClelland at South Kowloon Court. The court was told police held Fong for a burglary in Silvermine Bay last month but found him to be unconnected with the case. Instead, police discovered six small packets of drugs in a teapot in Fong's unnumbered hut in Shan Tung Village, Peng Chau, on 28 July. A chemist's report showed the packets contained 2.77 gms of esters of salts of morphine. Fong has a previous criminal record. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 5 Aug 79 p 8]

DRUGS FOUND IN RAID--When police raided a place in the New Territories to look for arms and ammunition, they also found a quantity of dangerous drugs, it was stated in the High Court yesterday. An unemployed man was sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment for possessing half a million dollars worth of dangerous drugs for unlawful trafficking and possessing a revolver and nine rounds of ammunition. Hui Tin-chuk (31) pleaded guilty before Mr Justice Power. He was arrested on 30 March when a party of Triad Society Bureau officers raided his home in Hung Shui Kiu, New Territories, to look for arms and ammunition. But they also found 5.23 kgs of a mixture containing 1.19 kgs of salts of morphine apart from a .38 special caliber revolver and nine rounds of ammunition. Hui had previous convictions for robbery and possessing arms and ammunition in 1972 when he was sentenced to 8 years in jail. Mr Anthony Sedgwick, representing Hui, submitted in mitigation that Hui had tried hard to lead an honest and good life after he was released from prison by getting a job with a firm. However, he subsequently lost the job when the firm went out of business. Senior Crown counsel Joe Duffy prosecuted. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 4 Aug 79 p 9]

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MALAYSIA

HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER URGES ELIMINATING DRUGS IN MALAYSIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA

Selangor SIN CHEW JIT POH MALAYSIA in Chinese 23 Jun 79 p 3

[Article: "Establish Drugless Societies in Malaysia and Southeast Asia"]

[Text] Through the support and cooperation of all other nations the Minister of Home Affairs, Tan Sni Ghazali bin Shafie, hopes to establish drugless societies in Malaysia and in other Asian and Pacific areas.

He believes that on moral grounds all other nations have a common responsibility to adopt effective measures to eliminate the international calamity and to assure their success. In the afternoon of 22 June he addressed the closing meeting of the first Asian and Pacific Federated Republics conference on illegal drugs as follows:

He indicated that the Malaysian government is drafting an effective plan for a total and relentless fight against drugs. He appealed to the representatives of member nations to unite in their efforts and reinforce their capabilities to eliminate drugs so as to establish a peaceful and prosperous society with economic and political stability for the next generation. The minister of Home affairs also said that in view of the accelerated tendency toward rampant drug use the Malaysian Government has given priority to controlling drug use and strengthening measures to reduce drug supply sources.

He proposed that all nations in the world make their criminal penalties more severe for drug peddling, an important measure for eliminating the supply of drugs.

He also reiterated that the Malaysian Government is focussing on its internal drug problem as well as its regional and international counterparts.

He believes that regional cooperation is an important element for the various nations to reduce the supply of drugs. Regarding the Central Drug Elimination Bureau, the minister indicated that to develop a strong

enforcement organ he has transferred the bureau to the Royal Malaysian Police to operate as the Drug Elimination Division.

He hopes that through this measure the division will have sufficient capabilities to eradicate drug use as well as its supply. The minister said: "The United Nations has declared 1979 as the International of the Child Year. As adults and national leaders, we must carry out our moral responsibility to assure today's children a good society tomorrow."

In rehabilitating drug addicts, he said, besides emphasis on their physical health, psychological guidance should be provided to change their outlook on life so that they can return to society and resume a normal life.

"In addition, the drug elimination center should provide occupational training to the addicts so that they can find jobs after returning to society, because after leaving the center many addicts have resumed use of drugs."

The minister said: "If we do not see the addicts as unfortunate victims and continue to treat them with enmity and isolation, the opportunities for them to return to society will be very slim indeed."

He continued to stress that clearly there is an urgent need for society to understand the scope of the drugs problem and most importantly for a sincere attitude in solving the problem. The minister believes that there is a need to formulate a massive publicity and educational program to address the Malaysian people from childhood on the harm of drugs so as to arouse strong emotions against its use just like a Malaysian Moslem's feeling against eating pork.

However, he recognizes that it will be difficult to carry out such a campaign because of the counter forces in existence.

He said: "The experts in this area recognize that they are no longer dealing with uneducated youths.

"Today's youths are very bright and possess the capabilities to analyze life's realities and to distinguish truth from falsehood.

"I am concerned about that propaganda based on 'fantastic intelligence', actually constructed on the basis of incorrect information."

He pointed out that because of such a situation he has instructed a "brain trust" to draft more suitable plans. As a matter of secondary importance, the minister criticized the mass media for excessive propaganda against drug use. He said: "For example, do we not often see huge profits in drug peddling reported in the newspapers?"

"On the other hand, sometimes in reporting drug use the newspapers treat the impact from various types of drug as the same."

The minister said that nowadays the young people do not consider drugs as something they must avoid.

He proposed to differentiate use and abuse of drugs, and label drugs by appropriate names which would arouse negative reactions so as to encourage our youths to avoid them.

The minister pointed out that the unfavorable impact of the deadening effect of drugs on nerves is still not fully understood. He continued to say that in the early stage the impact of some nerve deadening drugs was regarded as favorable, but after a prolonged period of use it was found to be a major cause of death to some patients.

"Therefore, we must be very cautious and responsible to protect the welfare of our children."

The minister said that since 1977 research work on drug use has received more and more emphasis.

"The objective of the survey and research work is to develop and establish a live analysis of drug abuse."

He also said that in Greater Malaysia because of the great variety of illegal supplies and uses, research work includes not only analysis of chemical composition but also the related pharmacology and physiology involved. The minister disclosed that to implement the research plan the government has established a National Drug Research Center in Penang.

He also said the national action unit will cooperate with neighboring countries and other interested nations to develop mutual assistance plans.

He pointed out that since the "poison river" of the "golden triangle" flows through Malaysia to the Indian Ocean and South China Sea, its flooding has become so serious that Malaysia alone can no longer stop its erosion.

"The South China Sea is connected to the Pacific Ocean which in turn reaches America and Australia. On the other side the Indian Ocean reaches other countries of Asia and Africa. Thus the 'garbage' of Malaysia flowing through these oceans has an impact on various nations."



He appealed to the various nations of the Pacific and Asian areas to join Malaysia in the anti-drug front; otherwise the problem could threaten the security of the nations and affect their economic, social and political stability.

At an earlier date, the conference chairman, Na Du A Du La Man, disclosed in his speech that the Drug Elimination Bureau of the United Nations has assured that it will supply technical assistance and experts to help the Malaysian Government expand drug elimination work.

He expressed hope that upon returning to their own countries representatives attending the conference will do their best to assure implementation of conference resolutions.

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MALAYSIA

PENANG POLICE SEIZE TWO POUNDS OF HEROIN

Selangor KIN KWOK DAILY NEWS in Chinese 20 Jun 79 p 1

[Article: "Seized One Million Dollars Worth of Drugs"]

[Text] Upon receiving reliable intelligence a team of police from Penang under the leadership of Assistant Police Superintendent Shu Lie Wu Ting moved to Wei Bei Jia Pao He Di at 11:15 pm last night and conducted a sudden search of two residences on La He Wu Wu First and Second Roads. As a result, the police arrested a 26-year-old suspect in one of the residences and seized two plastic bags of heroin, weighing about one pound in total. At the same time, the police found three checks totalling 3,450 dollars and 1,026 dollars in cash on the suspect. The police also found and seized 6,400 dollars in cash in a private car parked in front of the residence.

When the police conducted a sudden search of the residence, the suspect attempted to escape through the door. However, since the house was totally surrounded by policemen and there was no way to escape, the suspect surrendered meekly.

Subsequently, the police searched another residence and arrested another suspect (32 years old) who was sleeping, and who is the older brother of the first suspect. Then the suspect led the police to a vacant house in which another pound of heroin, a scale and a number of plastic bags were found. All of these were impounded for investigation.

The police spokesman pointed out that the two pounds of drugs could be converted into 152,072 doses. If allowed to circulate in the market, it would bring much harm. The seized drugs and suspects were brought to Bei Hai Police Station for further investigation.

The police express appreciation and thanks to the public for supplying necessary intelligence for successfully seizing drugs.

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MALAYSIA

ELEVEN POUNDS OF HEROIN SEIZED

Selangor KIN KWOK DAILY NEWS in Chinese 19 May 79 p 1

[Article: "5,000,000 Dollars Worth of Drugs Seized"]

[Text] YI BAO 18 May. Upon receiving reliable intelligence yesterday the police captured two suspects, Chinese males, engaged in a drug transaction at a gasoline station on He Yin Shi Hai Road, and seized 11 bags of heroin weighing about 11 pounds. The seized drug has an estimated wholesale price of 70,000 dollars and a black market price as much as 5 million dollars.

During the investigation, a 60-year-old suspect attempted to resist, and after some struggle he was eventually arrested by the police.

The police chief for the Penang District, the deputy general superintendent, disclosed this information in his press conference this afternoon.

He said that the seized heroin, weighing about 11 pounds and divided in 11 plastic bags, could be distributed in 1.06 million small tubes with a total black market value reaching 5 million dollars.

The deputy general superintendent, Na Du Yuan, also pointed out that upon receiving reliable information the police earlier conducted investigations in Ji Pei District.

At 1845 yesterday Penang police accompanied by the federal police in the He Yin Shi Hai area followed a taxi heading northward from Yi Bao to Penang. This taxi stopped at a gasoline station on He Yin Shi Hai Road. Suddenly an old man (60 years old) rushed forward to discuss heroin transactions with a young man in the taxi. When the police were about to make arrest, the 60-year-old suspect attempted to resist and struggled with the police. He was finally subdued.

The chief of police said that the seized heroin was carried in a red travelling bag in the taxi, which was registered in Ji Da District. The 30-year-old taxi driver is a resident of He Yin Shi Hai. The police believe that the two suspects are members of a criminal drug ring.

The police have served warning to those involved in drug traffic to stop drug sales at once in order to avoid the same consequence.

The 60-year-old suspect is an unemployed vagrant. The case is still being investigated by the police.

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MALAYSIA

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THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT--The sessions court in Kuala Lumpur today sentenced a car broker to 3 years' imprisonment and six strokes of the rattan after he was found guilty of possessing two plastic packets of heroin, weighing eight grams. Chew Tiam Soy, aged 41, of (Jenjang Utara), committed the offence in Jalan Segambut on November 16th last year.  
[Text] [Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 31 Jul 79 BK]

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PAKISTAN

BRIEFS

MARDAN OPIUM SEIZURE--The Mardan police has foiled an attempt here the other day, to smuggle out 40 kilograms of opium in a motor car. The contraband opium was valued at about Rs 70,000. The occupants of the car, however, escaped after abandoning the car, which has been impounded. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 23 Jul 79 p 4]

OPIUM SEIZURE IN PESHAWAR--The customs authorities in Peshawar today seized 220 kilograms of opium and charas [cannabis] worth about 10 million rupees in two operations. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 15 Aug 79 BK]

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

GUANGZHOU OFFICIALS SEIZE, PUNISH HONG KONG DRUGPUSHERS

Guangzhou Guangdong Provincial Service in Mandarin 2330 GMT 8 Aug 79 HK

[Text] Acting on information provided by the masses, the Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau recently seized and punished according to law a number of drugpushers and addicts who had come in from Hong Kong and Macao. Twenty of these illegal elements were deported on 8 August.

Some illegal elements recently came into Guangzhou from Hong Kong and Macao, taking advantage of the opportunity of returning to their native places to visit relatives and friends. When in Guangzhou, they carried out illegal activities such as pushing and taking drugs. In this way they seriously harmed national prestige and law and order in society. Many of the masses from Hong Kong and Macao compatriots and Guangzhou exposed their criminal activities to the public security departments. To uphold the prestige of the socialist motherland and the socialist legal system, acting in accordance with the relevant laws and decrees of the PRC, the municipal public security bureau has dealt with a number of illegal elements who were pushing and taking drugs. They carried out a further action on 31 July to suppress drugpushing and addiction. They seized all 25 drugpushers and addicts and also some drugs and instruments for taking drugs. To deal blows at the criminals and educate the masses, the public security organs brought these illegal elements to the inns and public places where they had pursued their illegal activities, held public gatherings to deal with them, proclaimed their crimes and dealt with them according to law. This action has been supported by the masses and patriotic overseas Chinese and Hong Kong and Macao compatriots.

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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HONG KONG PAPER REPORTS NARCOTICS ARRESTS

Tokyo KYODO in English 0900 GMT 9 Aug 79 OW

[Text] Hong Kong Aug 9 KYODO--The Guangzhou municipal security authorities in southern China arrested 24 Chinese visitors from Hong Kong and Macao from July to August on charges of selling and using narcotics, according to the left-wing Chinese-language paper TA KUNG PAO.

This was the first report on Guangzhou city's crackdown on Chinese from Hong Kong and Macao for their alleged narcotics smuggling.

As this report showed, China faces the need to seriously cope with negative influence from capitalist Hong Kong and Macao, some observers here commented.

The number of Chinese travellers to China from Hong Kong, Macao and other neighboring areas in Southeast Asia has been sharply increasing with the trip between Hong Kong and Guangzhou by railway, air and ship made easy.

Chinese residents in Hong Kong travelling to China numbered some 480,000 in January and February this year.

Cases of smuggling wristwatches and electric appliances into China have been increasing together with the growing inflow of Chinese visitors to China while the "longing" for Hong Kong has been increasing among young men in mainland China.

According to the TA KUNG PAO, almost all arrested in Guangzhou were in their 20's and 30's. Some had been engaged in smuggling to Hong Kong must that they bought in Guangzhou with money earned by narcotics selling in the Chinese city.

In one case, a 24-year-old Hong Kong Chinese, plotting with his cousin, secretly took to Guangzhou heroin they had bought in Hong Kong in July.

He earned profits of 380 yuan (about yen 50,000) by selling the heroin in Guangzhou before he was arrested there on August 1. The Hong Kong boy died in Guangzhou on Wednesday because of taking too much sleeping pills, the paper said.

The others arrested were later deported to Hong Kong and Macao after being detained in Guangzhou up to half a month, the paper said. The Chinese authorities also ordered them to pay fines ranging from 100 yuan to 2,600 yuan, it said.

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PHILIPPINES

MORE VIGILANCE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE URGED

Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 29 Jul 79 p 11

[Text] Anti-narcotics volunteers have urged for more vigilance against the reported rise of drug pushing in the metropolis, victimizing mostly students and youths.

The Narcotics Foundation of the Philippines, Inc (NFPI), a private civic group, said that a concerted effort is much needed now or the problem may worsen to levels reminiscent of the early '70s where hard drug addiction became a feared social menace.

It also confirmed reports that a "thriving business" of drug pushing exists on Quiricada Street near the San Lazaro hospital in Sta. Cruz.

Former NFPI clients said that students oftentimes trade-in their expensive clothes and pants, or housewares stolen from their homes for the prohibited drugs. Most of the victims come out of Quiricada wearing only shorts and 'sandos.'

The NFPI also called for an intensive investigation of reports that drug pushing is rampant in such crowded student hubs as Cartimar along Recto Avenue, Pavia Street in Tondo and Balagtas Street in Pasay city. It said that prohibited drugs are sold over the counter to students at a fast pace in these centers.

The volunteer group is at the same time offering its services to help these drug dependents.

Drug pushing and trafficking were eliminated in 1972 with the proclamation of the Drug Abuse Act, penalizing persons caught manufacturing and pushing drugs. But the passing years have brought increasing laxity on the control of drugs traffic because of the minimal incidence of drug abuse, the NFPI noted.

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PHILIPPINES

PLANTATION RAID NETS MARIHUANA WORTH 1.2 MILLION PESOS

Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 2 Aug 79 pp 1, 9

[Text] Government intelligence agents seized P1.2 million worth of dried leaves of marihuana during a raid on a plantation in Dupax, Nueva Ecija.

The leaves had been placed in sacks and were ready for shipment to Manila when a team of PC soldiers and agents from the Finance Ministry's intelligence bureau (FMIB) raided the plantation.

Lt Gen Pelagio Cruz (ret), FMIB commissioner, said a lawyer and a Nueva Ecija businessman were arrested during the raid. However, Cruz did not divulge the identities of the suspects pending results of an investigation.

The lawyer had been pinpointed to as the owner of the marihuana shipment while the businessman was the alleged distributor.

Major Rizalino Quiaoit, leader of the team that raided the plantation, said the shipment, the biggest haul in recent years, was worth P1.2 million.

Quiaoit said that the FMIB had identified the other suspects and their arrest was expected shortly.

Meanwhile, Manila police anti-narcotics operatives nabbed yesterday an employee of the Ministry of Agriculture while he was selling P1,500 worth of processed marihuana leaves to a police informer.

Arrested by a team led by Cpl Lamberto Libao was Marlou Soriaga y Moyo, 37, married, of 2227 Garrido Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila, a radio operator at the Agriculture Ministry.

Confiscated from Soriaga was two big plastic bags and six small ones containing processed marihuana leaves. (RT)

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POLICE SEIZE MARIHUANA SHIPMENT VALUED AT 3 MILLION PESOS

Manila PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS in English 23 Jul 79 p 1

[Article by Lamberto Ignacio]

[Text] A man suspected as a supplier of narcotics dens in Metro Manila was arrested yesterday in Tondo, with P300,000 worth of marihuana leaves, the biggest individual haul in the last 10 years.

Nabbed along Gamba St, Balut, Tondo was Domingo Algordo, 26, married, a farmer of barrio Malahug, Tinambacan, Calbayog City.

Algordo's fall came after 3 weeks of surveillance by the anti-narcotics agents of Manila police station I under Col Felicisimo Lazaro, commander.

Some 30 kilos of marihuana leaves valued at P300,000 were confiscated from Algordo. It was the biggest seizure made by the police from an individual in 10 years.

Lazaro said Algordo admitted having grown the marihuana on his farm in Calbayog.

The suspect said yesterday's shipment of marihuana was his fourth in Manila.

Algordo told police he was about to deliver the bulk of the prohibited items to pushers in Quiricada and Alvares Sts, in Sta. Cruz when a police team, led by Capt Jack Joaquin and Sgts Eduardo Mediavillo and Bernardo Halili, pounced on him.

Algordo's confession confirms earlier reports of the existence of drug traffic in some parts of Manila.

The police said the suspect also named other pushers who had been buying marihuana from him.

The police said they are also checking reports that Algordo is a member of the New People's Army in Samar.

Algordo told the police he started planting his farm to marihuana a year ago after he was convinced by some persons who approached him that it was a very lucrative business.

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ELEVEN DOPE PUSHERS HELD BY POLICE OPERATIVES

Manila BULLETIN TODAY in English 26 Jul 79 pp 1, 8

[Text] Manila Police anti-narcotics intelligence agents arrested yesterday 11 suspected dope pushers, including three reportedly selling cocaine which is considered one of the most highly addicting drugs.

Of the 11 suspects, two are students of exclusive schools, and two others are a father-and-son team that supplies marihuana to addicts along Quiricada Street.

Yesterday's haul was held most significant. It was the first time in so many years that cocaine was seized and it had the biggest number of drug pushers arrested in 1 day.

Cocaine, extracted from coca plant grown in the Andes mountains in South America, is a stimulant. Placed in the same category as heroin, it is mostly sniffed.

Until yesterday, cocaine was believed to have disappeared from the drug market since martial law was declared 7 years ago.

The suspects allegedly selling cocaine were arrested at the vicinity of the Far East Bank building along Solana Street, Intramuros, Manila.

They were nabbed by anti-narcotics agents under Capt Manuel R. Redrico.

The suspects were identified as Peter Kalano y Malagamba, 20, student, of 1104 Travellers Inn, Makati; Eliseo Serrano y Asis, 23, student, of 2245 Elias St, Sampaloc, Manila; and Dante Berina y Tizon, 26, jobless, of 7 Palosapis St, Quezon City.

Seized from the three were P15,000 worth of cocaine in six packets and P500 worth of marihuana. They were apprehended while allegedly selling the prohibited drugs to a police informer.

Brig Gen James Barbers, WPD superintendent, commended the men for the arrest of the three suspects. He also congratulated Col Narciso Cabrera, chief of the investigation division whose office supervises the anti-narcotics unit.

The other suspects were arrested in raids in several places in Manila by men from the intelligence and special operations division (ISOD) under Lt Col Vicente Vinarao.

A total of P50,000 worth of marihuana sticks and processed marihuana leaves were seized from the eight suspects.

The big fish among the ISOD's haul, Vinarao said, are Luis Gonzales y Esguerra, 28, married of 915, San Antonio Street, Tondo, and his father, Vidal, 54.

The father-son team was pinpointed by the alleged drug pushers and runners arrested earlier in the day as one of the suppliers of marihuana along Quiricada Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila. (RT)

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SRI LANKA

CEYLON DAILY URGES MORE EFFORT, STIFFER SENTENCES IN DRUG WAR

Colombo CEYLON DAILY NEWS in English 7 Aug 79 p 6 BK

[Editorial: "The Drug Menace"]

[Text] Fortunately for us this country has been spared the horrors of drug addiction that is sweeping across both developed and developing countries like a plague.

There have been reports, from time to time, of cases of narcotics used here even by school children but the incidence does not warrant any serious concern.

But what warrants serious concern is that Sri Lanka is fast becoming the nerve centre of this highly lucrative narcotics smuggling trade.

Until now Sri Lanka remained clean in contrast to most countries in this region. But judging from new developments, Colombo is now a transshipment centre of hard-core narcotics. Most of the drugs including opium, hashish and morphine come to Lanka from the notorious "Golden Triangle" and through the smugglers who operate here.

Narcotics by mail is the newest ruse adopted by drug traffickers.

A man can walk into any post office, even Colombo's General Post Office and collect a parcel of sizzling hot drugs worth millions of rupees and walk out with the man behind the counter being completely ignorant that what he had handed over was a parcel of drugs for which the police would have given their right eye to get a hold of.

Colombo's law enforcement officers, even those who have had specialised training abroad to deal with these offenders, are not geared to and do not have the skills to outwit the evil geniuses behind this big business which is backed by the big money of international combines.

Even in the West where the skills and the ultra modern devices including trained dogs are employed to fight this growing menace, law enforcement officers have found they are up against crooks who get the better of them at every turn.

We do not wish to enumerate the horrifying after effects brought about as a result of consistent use of drugs.

But the fact that emerges with startling clarity is that most pedlars in developing countries get off too lightly.

In the USA for example, Federal penalties for the possession of marijuana carry a maximum of 5,000 dollars for a first fine. The smugglers who are apprehended in smaller countries like ours pay fines which are ridiculously low in comparison.

Lamentably for us, the situation has become a serious one. That traffickers now bring in LSD and other hard hallucinogenic drugs should be convincing enough proof to bear out these facts.

The authorities know they are now dealing with drug carriers and not the itinerant hippies--addicts through physical dependence--who carry their opiate around for personal use.

Countries far more developed than Sri Lanka have found it increasingly difficult to stem the ever-growing menace. This evil which forces humans into vile acts should be met with in a far more stringent manner--at any cost and fast.

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COLOMBIA

POLICE INSPECTOR ARRESTED AS TRAFFICKER

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 7 Jul 79 p 9-A

[Article by Edison Parra]

[Text] Pasto, 6 July—Twenty-five bales of marihuana were confiscated in El Charco, along the northern coast of Narino, from police inspector Marcial Estupinan Portocarrero.

The marihuana was being transported by ship to the port of Buenaventura.

Another individual involved in the incident was arrested along with the inspector from "Vigia" island.

This is the second blow that the authorities have dealt to the drug trafficking gangs operating in the southern part of the country.

The first one took place last Wednesday night on the outskirts of the town of Mercaderes, when an extensive marihuana plantation was discovered.

Security authorities have revealed that they have declared "war without quarter" on the drug trafficking groups in joint operations involving the army, the police, the Administrative Department of Security and the F-2.

The operation, which will be coordinated by the narcotics squad of the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation, will comprise the departments of Cauca and Narino, as well as the intendency of Putumayo and part of the Amazon region.

This section of the country has been regarded lately as "the drug trafficking paradise in southern Colombia."

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COLOMBIA

COCAINE TRAFFICKERS, LABORATORY SEIZED

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 7 Jul 79 p 15-B

[Text] An alleged cocaine trafficker has been arrested by secret agents of the DAS [Administrative Department of Security] Judicial Police, who confiscated from him a cashier's check for 8½ million pesos earmarked for the purchase of 9 kilos of the alkaloid.

Armando Riascos Velasquez, a 27-year old native of Medellin, was arrested by the DAS near the Hilton Hotel.

According to the authorities, Riascos Velasquez fully confessed his intention to acquire the drug and added that drug, which he had already negotiated for over the phone from Barranquilla with traffickers in Bogota, belonged to the shipment of 13 kilos of cocaine that the Judicial Police of the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation seized the day before yesterday at a home with the street address of 68-31 on 54th Street in the Jose Joaquin Vargas district northwest of Bogota.

As EL TIEMPO reported in yesterday's edition, the agents of the attorney general's office discovered the laboratory at the above address, in the home of Isaac Quintero. Arrested along with him were German Cabrales Avendano and Romano Guzzi, who worked as a "cook" in the cocaine lab.

According to official reports, the manufacturers had already closed the sale to Riascos Velasquez even before they produced the drug, which was in the final processing stage when the cocaine dealers were taken by surprise by the detectives from the attorney general's office.

Riascos's arrest will enable the DAS to carry forward an investigation in Medellin aimed at the capture of other individuals with connections to the man apprehended in Bogota.

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MARIHUANA, COCAINE SEIZURES IN META DEPARTMENT

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 13 Jun 79 p 17-A

[Text] According to statistical data furnished by the Information and Press Office of the National Police, 165 drug traffickers have been captured and 1,800 arrobas of marihuana (1 arroba=25 pounds), equivalent to 22½ tons, have been seized in Meta Department in recent months.

The police were extraordinarily active in the region, and in view of this the traffickers, hounded on the Atlantic coast by the special security measures taken there to combat international gangs, decided to move into eastern Colombia, convinced that they could operate more easily there by taking advantage of the fact that marihuana plants grow quickly and reach great size in those areas.

The operations undertaken by police in the aforementioned department have also led to the seizure of 3½ kilos of cocaine, to the discovery of a 32 hectare coca plantation and 5 marihuana plantations covering 75 hectares and to the confiscation of 7 land vehicles, 1 plane and 16 firearms.

A Series of Blows

The following is a summary of the successful operations undertaken in the struggle against drug trafficking:

1. At the Servita roadblock the police captured Albeiro Franco Correa and Eliecer Arboleda Villa, who were transporting 8 arrobas of marihuana in a truck with license plates AC-4968.
2. At Vanguardia Airport in the city of Villavicencio, units of the F-2 apprehended Rodolfo Carrero de Alfonso, who was traveling from the town of San Jose del Guaviare and was found to be carrying a kilo of high purity cocaine.
3. In a rural area in the municipality of Puerto Caldas, the police F-2 seized 14 bales of marihuana, which were being transported in a truck with license plates SW-1025 driven by Omar Diaz.

4. Within the jurisdiction of the municipality of Mitu, police personnel captured Gerardo Herrera, from whom they seized a pound of cocaine that he was trying to bring into the interior of the country. Herrera, who belonged to an international gang of drug smugglers, was placed in the custody of the appropriate authorities.

5. In a rural area in the municipality of Puerto Rico, an extensive marihuana plantation covering about 30 hectares was discovered, and the following individuals were captured: Gonzalo Rodriguez Roa, Jose Nelson Cabiedes, Manuel Gomez Gomez, Jose Manuel Villa, Jose del Carmen Araque Martinez, Eduardo Santoya Caba, Oswaldo Gomez, Arsenio Virgues, Hernando Contreras, Luis Enrique Rodriguez Jimenez, Rafael Antonio Suarez, Ofelia Garcia and Maria Dabeiba Arismendi de Trujillo. In their possession were found 2 shotguns and 25 bales of marihuana harvested from the plantation.

6. A 32 hectare coca plantation was found in the municipality of Miraflores. Subsequently, in the municipality of Curucu the F-2 seized a modern laboratory for the processing of the alkaloid, equipped with the latest devices for the illicit activity. Taken into custody were Hermes Calcedo Toro and Nicanor Moreno, who had an outboard motor driven boat to transport the drug.

7. One of most important setbacks dealt to these criminal organizations took place on 13 May of this year when 163 bales of marihuana were discovered as they were being loaded onto a Curtis plane (registration number HK-1856) owned by the Urraca Company to be shipped overseas. In addition, 15 drug traffickers were captured. It should be noted that Jose Oscar Quintero Munoz, one of those arrested, offered F-2 personnel a 1 million peso bribe. The money was confiscated and placed in the custody of the appropriate authorities.

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MARIHUANA, EIGHT TRAFFICKERS SEIZED IN SANTA MARTA

Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish 26 Jun 79 p 7-A

[Article by Fabio Ortega Cardozo]

[Text] A confrontation this afternoon between troops belonging to Cordoba Battalion Number 5 and members of a well organized gang of drug traffickers resulted in the arrest of several traffickers and the serious wounding of a noncommissioned army officer.

The operation undertaken in the La Lisa region, within the jurisdiction of Bonda in the municipality of Santa Marta, was led by 11 soldiers and a patrol from the Cordoba Battalion, which is quartered in this city. It was a special operation designed to hamper marihuana trafficking in the region.

Marihuana Shipment

Despite the secrecy that the military authorities are maintaining in connection with the operation, EL ESPECTADOR was able to learn that the seven traffickers who were arrested were engaged in shipping 520 bales of marihuana when the military patrol suddenly appeared. This gave rise to a fierce shootout that culminated in the arrest of the hoodlums and the serious wounding of army NCO Jose Eusebio Morales de Pinedo. He was hit by a bullet from an R-15 rifle in the groin, which was completely shattered. He was immediately taken to Barranquilla General Hospital.

The command of the Cordoba Battalion headquartered in this city declined to provide the names of the arrested traffickers, indicating that a communique would be issued later.

Successful Operation

EL ESPECTADOR learned from official sources that as a result of the battle between the army and the gang of drug traffickers, 520 bales of marihuana were confiscated and eight persons were arrested and immediately transferred to the Cordoba Battalion.

It was also indicated that the La Lisa zone, where the episode took place, has been completely militarized.

COLOMBIA

DRUGS SEIZED, CLANDESTINE AIRFIELD FOUND

Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish 29 Jun 79 p 12

[Article by Alberto Gutierrez]

[Excerpts] Riohacha, 28 June—About 1,609 bales of marihuana and 238,500 Mandrax pills were seized during several operations undertaken by regular army troops in the department of La Guajira in their struggle against drug trafficking.

The various actions led to the arrest of 16 individuals involved in drug trafficking, while two others were killed after they resisted when told that they were going to be arrested, a spokesman of the Defense Ministry reported.

It was reported that a truck was seized from the two criminals who were killed in Maicao. It had been stolen several days before, apparently to be used in drug trafficking. One of the individuals had a pistol taken from him with which he was threatening the police.

An F-750 truck was seized between Riohacha and Cuestecitas with 157 bales of marihuana on board. Six carbines, a 30-30 caliber rifle and six 12-caliber shotguns were also seized. The occupants of the vehicle succeeded in escaping when they noticed the presence of the authorities, it was reported.

Cache Found

The troops taking part in the struggle against drug trafficking found a cache containing marihuana in La Luisa, in the jurisdiction of Bonda, municipality of Santa Marta. Confiscated during the operation were 60 bales of the weed, a 12-caliber shotgun and a 22-caliber carbine.

They also succeeded in arresting Luis Ramon Barbosa, Luis Daniel Paez, Antonio Jaimes, Elias Mogollon, Isaac Paez and Jesus A. Yanez, who offered resistance to the regular army patrol, as a result of which one noncommissioned officer was wounded.

Another of the major operations undertaken in the past 5 days took place in the El Recreo area, Cano de la Plata, Canal del Dique, in the Department of Bolivar. Police units seized four launches and two revolvers that smugglers left behind in their hasty flight. They also found 236 well-hidden bales of marihuana.

Airfield Found

In conclusion, it was reported that in Ciapana, in the municipality of Uribia, a 1,800 meter long airstrip was discovered, and 238,500 Mandrax pills, 86 drums of airplane gasoline and 448 bales of marihuana were confiscated there. Crispin Rendon Britto and Roberto Barroso were arrested.

Crispin Rendon Britto attempted to bribe the army officer commanding the patrol by offering him 1 million pesos in cash, which was also confiscated.

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COLOMBIA

BRIEFS

COCAINE SEIZURE--Bogota--Raul Penaranda, Rafael Trios, Camilo Rivera Gonzalez, Rubiel Cadavio, Armando Vergara Saavedra and Olga Sanchez have been arrested in connection with the seizure of over 50 kg of cocaine paste by the authorities. The drug, initially valued at more than 300 million pesos, was brought in from Peru. [Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish 1100 GMT 10 Aug 79 PA]

PRISON GUARDS DISMISSED--Bogota, 13 Aug (EFE)--Three hundred officials of the prison prefecture, most of them guards, were dismissed during the past few months, charged with trafficking in drugs in the nation's prisons. This information was released by the director general of prisons, Col Elkin Carmona, who said that in order to help seek solutions to the problem of overcrowding in the country's prisons, in the next few days he will reveal irregularities at 12 other prisons. While saying that he will continue the clean-up of the country's prisons, Colonel Carmona told EFE that charges of extortion, drug trafficking and aiding prison breaks had been proven against the 300 guards dismissed. The colonel blamed overcrowding in the prisons on the slow courts of justice and asked lawyers to contribute their "grain of sand" and serve as defenders to the thousands of prisoners who do not have a cent to pay for counsel. [Text] [Madrid EFE in Spanish 1616 GMT 13 Aug 79 PA]

DRUG SHIP CAPTURED--Bogota, 19 Jul (AFP)--The Defense Ministry reported here today that a U.S. ship, the Trigoli, was captured by a Colombian warship for operating in territorial waters without permission. The ship was described as a regular-sized vessel capable of navigating on the high seas. It was reported that the ship was captured in the Atlantic Ocean when it was trying to get near [words indistinct] to load marihuana. The 15 crew members were arrested. [Text] [Paris AFP in Spanish 0244 GMT 20 Jul 79 PA]



ARMY MACHINEGUNS PLANE--Santa Marta, Colombia, 22 Jul (EFE)--Army troops today machinegunned a U.S.-registered small plane when it tried to take off from a clandestine airport near the town of Cienaga. A military spokesman told EFE that the plane's crew, who were able to escape, were planning to load the small plane with marihuana to take it to the United States. Last week a Colombian Air Force plane shot down a marihuana-loaded D-45 plane that did not heed an order to land at an airfield after it had violated Colombia's airspace. The plane was shot down over the Caribbean. The two crew members of that plane were also able to escape, leaving behind nothing that would permit them to be identified. [Text] [Madrid EFE in Spanish 2017 GMT 22 Jul 79 PA]

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ECUADOR

**BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS POLICE ARRESTED WITH COCAINE**

Guayaquil EL UNIVERSO in Spanish 28 Jun 79 p 9

[Text] Huaquillas (A.E.P.)--Two Bolivian customs policemen, who are experts in the struggle against drug traffic, were caught with two kilograms of cocaine which they brought in from their country.

Manfredo Borda Salvatierra and Raul Porras Antelo, 33 and 24 years old, respectively, are the expert customs officers from Bolivia who, while bearing official documents of identification, which it is assumed were forgeries, managed to cover all the Peruvian territory and pass through the customs control posts, including that at Cancas, which is regarded as fearsome.

However, their run of good luck came to an end at the Aguas Verdes post, on the other side of the frontier. There, after being greeted by their Peruvian customs colleagues, the Bolivians, Borda Salvatierra and Porras Antelo were called by Inspector Enrique Cordova Pena, who began to suspect them when he saw how nervous they were.

When their baggage was checked, it was discovered that the Bolivian investigators were also engaged in drug traffic, since the suitcase of each of them contained one kilogram of hydrochlorate of cocaine in a false bottom.

The Were Coming to Guayaquil

After being investigated, the Bolivian customs investigators, confessed that the drug was intended for the city of Guayaquil, where it would be delivered to "someone" who would identify himself in some way.

The arrested Bolivians stated that they had managed to pull the wool over the eyes of all the control posts, until they were finally discovered by saying that they were travelling on a secret official mission for the purpose of capturing two Ecuadorean drug traffickers.

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ECUADOR

TRIAL OF INTERNATIONAL COCAINE TRAFFICKERS BEGINS

Quito EL COMERCIO in Spanish 29 Jun 79 p 30

[Text] Guayaquil 28--The judge of the VI Penal division, Dr Carlos Romo Moran was on the bench today when charges were laid against drug traffickers Milton Grijalva Moreira, Ivan Grijalva Romo, Segundo Ivo Plaza Luna, Juan Sanchez, Armando Lucas Rivera, Vicente Angulo, Newton Colombo Pachay and Milton Grijalva Limongi, all accused of conspiring together to engage in the illegal drug trade. Their purpose is to place pure cocaine in the United States, using the false bottom of pictures depicting Ecuadorean native legends.

In this connection, they have detained Grijalva Moreira, Grijalva Romo and Segundo Plaza Luna, who in addition has a long record. These men were in possession of three pictures inside which one kilogram of camouflaged cocaine had been divided. It was decided that the prosecuting attorney would be the lawyer Juan Jaramillo Rugel and the public defender would be Dr Gerardo Wong Monroy.

Since the accused are also charged with bribing the Interpol agents with US\$5,000, other indictments were also made.

Statements

From the statements made by the accused, it is evident that Milton Grijalva Moreira acted as the capitalist, putting up the money for the purchase of the cocaine by drug trafficker Armando Lucas Rivera. The sources added that on one occasion, there was a meeting at Grijalva Moreira's grocery shop where the accused Plaza Luna was tested. He was called on to paint a picture, as a sample, which he did very well, and then did three others, inside which the cocaine was placed. Plaza Luna earned US\$500 for each three pictures he did. The pictures were sent to the U.S. where they were received by Milton Grijalva Limongi, son of the man financing the deal, who in turn sent 30,000 dollars brought from the U.S. by the nephew Ivan Romo. It was added that one night at the Hotel Palace, Grijalva Moreira, Vicente Angulo and Segundo Plaza met to celebrate with a great deal of drinking the success of their work and the successful sending of the drugs. The cocaine was delivered by Armando Lucas Rivera for 330,000 sucres per kilogram to Grijalva Moreira. He, in turn, resold it on the black market in the U.S. at a price of US\$30,000.

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LAX PURSUIT OF COCAINE MAFIA IN LOJA DENOUNCED

Quito EL COMERCIO in Spanish 26 Jun 79 p 19

[Article by Jorge Hugo Rengel: "Cocaine, Mafia and Chuquis"]

[Text] Much has been said about drug traffic, especially about cocaine, in the province of Loja. At times, sensibly, with full knowledge of what is being talked about. At other times, ignoring the problem in the extreme.

From time immemorial, Peru and Bolivia have been the major cocaine producers. In those countries, the plant not only grows wild but it is also cultivated on a large scale. Cocaine exports are not sneered at because they constitute a significant source of foreign exchange.

In the province of Loja, it is true, the traffic--not the use--of cocaine has become generalized. To ensure the success of the traffic, the mafia was organized. Since neither poverty nor wealth can remain hidden for long, the powerful men of the mafia can be easily recognized. Nobody knows that these gents are also engaged in some quite legal activities.

The activity of the Loja mafia is so secret and technical that Interpol ignores it. Their operations proceed without risk and, it is obvious, very rarely give cause for criminal proceedings. Only very rarely can the courts lay charges against the powerful and then it is indeed a luxury.

As an essential part of this traffic, the mafia has available a large number of "chuquis." Where a "suspicious activity" is in operation, as if by spontaneous generation, people turn up who "pay the piper" and these are the "chuquis." God created the chuqui with the same good will with which he made the ravens. They are a sort of ecumenical species even though "chuqui" is a word from the quechua vocabulary (of the Altiplano). In our particular case, the chuquis are humble frontier peasants, left poor by the droughts which scourge the region. They bring the cocaine from over a thousand points of contact with the Peruvian suppliers, over a frontier of over 200 kilometers in length, to Cariamanga, Sozoranga, Macara, Celica, Alamor or Loja. That is where the mafia agencies are located, a sort of fort that is solid enough to resist a cannon. From here the drug is taken, without any danger

at all, to the international market centers. The propitiatory victims are the humble chuquis. For them the tortures and the jails and the severity of the laws. It is their miserable little activity which casts the smoke-screen to ensure the impunity of the mafia.

In our modest opinion, the measures contained in Decree 2636, promulgated in the Official Record #621 of July 4th, 1978, and designed to combat drug traffic, are in error. Those dealing with criminal law agree that excessive penalties serve to encourage crime, since they promote the impunity of the criminal. While the aforesaid decree remains in force, and raises the price of cocaine, thereby stimulating traffic in it, it also serves to increase the number of escapees of those in prison and those sentenced, all of whom seek a means of avoiding the rigors of the law.

What is more, it would be advisable to establish in the area bordering Peru those alternatives to crime suggested by Ferri. It is necessary to stimulate agriculture, develop legal trade, and, in general, to create such sources of labor as will assist a poor, starved population to obtain the remuneration necessary to live.

Lastly, we demand that the Loja mafia be eradicated by all possible means. It is indeed ironical that in view of such an illegal and reprehensible traffic, the popular and traditional adage is still so true, namely that justice is only for those who can pay.

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MEXICO

PGR ACTIONS AGAINST MARIHUANA, POPPIES DESCRIBED

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 21 Jul 79 p 8-A

[Article by Sergio Gomez Padilla]

[Text] Culiacan, Sinaloa, 20 Jul (OEM)--Biological warfare aimed at destroying poppy and marihuana crops throughout the country is being conducted in this area's mountains by the Attorney General's Office of the Republic [PGR].

The most novel method being used for the purpose up until a few days ago consisted of spraying the forest with herbicides. Being used almost at the same time was the system of spraying the crops with chemical coloring and odorizing substances.

The herbicides served to kill the plants as they were discovered either visually from the air--the usual method--or by the new scanner system. The destruction, risky in itself, was carried out using helicopters and light aircraft.

It should be mentioned that the scanner system is nothing other than an optical spectrum device mounted on a small turboprop plane. From an altitude of 20,000 feet and under normal weather conditions, it can survey an area of 1,500 square kilometers in 3 hours.

The man in charge of the destruction procedures as well as the studies and laboratory experiments is engineer Sergio Zapata Ibarra. He told EL SOL DE MEXICO that the initial investment in the new "biological warfare" operation totals 25 million pesos.

That amount may appear high, he said, but it is relative because it brings with it a social service of great benefit to the peasant and to sound and legal crops, since the studies being made on the land are producing excellent results.

He explained that "social service" means changing the habits of the peasant, who after devoting himself to the growing of drug-producing plants now finds it more profitable and legal to obtain various foods from the land.

He said that as far as crop benefits are concerned, the studies are making it possible to discover the sources of pests that attack wholesome crops and the way to destroy them and also to learn the characteristics of the land and the type of seed most appropriate to it.

Biological warfare consists of finding a living creature, either insect or worm, that devours or destroys the sown fields of poppies or marihuana. Examples are the Fusarium (in the case of poppies) and other biting insects.

But, the expert added, that is not an easy matter when one considers that there are 180 varieties of the Fusarium alone, and since it does no good to dig one hole in order to fill another, we must take every preventive action to insure that pests harmful to wholesome crops do not proliferate.

At the same time, he added, laboratory studies enable us to learn the degree of environmental pollution caused by the chemical substances used in the preparation of coloring or odorizing herbicides that attack drug-producing plants. They also enable us to learn more concerning their physiological changes, deterioration, or development.

In discussing the object of using dyes or odorants in the spraying of injurious plants, he explained that the purpose is to facilitate detection of the plants or, if they resist the action of the herbicide, to give them an odor that the smoker will find detestable and unbearable.

Sergio Zapata also said that according to statistics developed at the PGR, the growing of marihuana and poppies in the state of Sinaloa has declined tremendously over the past 2 years, while at the same time production of the region's 47 typical crops has risen.

Citing an example, he said that the area currently harvests 5 million tons of farm products every year. And to that engineer Jose Ernesto Lopez Portillo, general manager of the Confederation of Farmers Associations of the State of Sinaloa, added that 250,000 hectares of seasonal farmland have been added to the cultivated area over the past 2 years, although he admitted that its productivity is still low.

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MEXICO

COCAINE, HASHISH, OPIUM, OTHER DRUGS SEIZED

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 24 Jul 79 p 12-A

[Text] In 2 days of intensive work, members of the Federal Judicial Police arrested 27 drug traffickers in seven different places throughout the country. Seized at the same time were 11.5 tons of marihuana, 100 grams of cocaine, 1.75 kilograms of hashish, 400 amphetamine pills, 100 grams of opium gum, two vehicles, weapons, and ammunition.

Those arrested were Herminia Moreno, Adolfinia Penaloza, Erasmo Sanchez, German Valencia, Epigmenio Corral, Jose Abraham, Roberto Rendon, Jesus Jimenez, Jose Gonzalez, Manuel Avendano, Miguel Lopez, Francisco Contreras, and Anselmo Contreras.

Also arrested were Juan Trapaga, Dora Cacero, Rafael Favela, Ramon Cabada, Pedro Salgado, Miguel Cabada, Alfonso Martinez, Susana Savalo, Rosario Castro, Antonio Meza, Jesus de la Torre, Guillermo Villavicencio, Yolanda Nunez, and Indalecio Nunez.

Following are the localities in which the arrests were made: Ejido de los Leones, Tierra Blanca, Veracruz; San Jose Nuevo, municipality of Patzcuaro, Michoacan; Los Mochis, Sinaloa; Durango, Durango; Colima, Colima; Arroyo Verde, municipality of Tamazula, Durango; and Hermosillo, Sonora.

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MEXICO

TON OF MARIHUANA SEIZED IN SHOOTOUT

Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish 18 Jul 79 p 7-D

[Text] Javier Lerma Guerrero, an agent of the Investigation Division, died last Monday during a shootout with six drug traffickers and auto thieves. Three of the criminals were captured.

Those arrested were Sergio Duarte Zuniga, Santos Gutierrez Garcia, and Daniel Barragan Salas. They revealed the place where they were hiding a ton of marihuana. They also surrendered three vehicles that they had recently stolen.

The shootout occurred in the town of Chimalhuacan in the state of Mexico.

In that locality Javier and a group of his comrades discovered a Ford Mustang, license number 666-AUM, that had been reported stolen in this city.

The agents were inspecting the vehicle when six individuals arrived in a Chevrolet Caprice, license number 560-BVJ, which was being driven toward the agents at high speed.

The car's occupants began to fire from the vehicle, killing Javier Lerma Guerrero.

The policemen wounded one of the criminals, who fled in the car with two others, while the other three were captured.

Those arrested said that they had a van containing a ton of marihuana at a house located on Castillo de Chapala Street in that town.

They explained that an individual named Margarito Torres had delivered the drug to them in Teloloapan, Guerrero, and that they were taking it to Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, where they were to deliver it to Mauricio Caballero, a known drug trafficker in that region. They said that they were receiving 15,000 pesos in payment.

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MEXICO

PJF SEIZE DRUGS, 53 TRAFFICKERS

Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish 21 Jul 79 p 13-A

[Text] In the past 4 days the Federal Judicial Police [PJF] have arrested 53 drug traffickers in the course of 21 operations carried out throughout the national territory.

In the course of the campaign against the planting, growing, harvesting, and selling of drugs, 70 marihuana fields and another 10 plots planted in poppies were discovered.

The agents also seized 250 grams of heroin, 550 grams of hashish, 7,500 amphetamine pills, 327 kilograms and 245 grams of marihuana, 730 grams of poppy seed, and 1 kilogram and 25 grams of marihuana seed.

It was learned at the Attorney General's Office of the Republic that along with 43 marihuana "joints" and a scale, the federal agents also confiscated three automobiles, a van, a rifle, and a pistol.

The operations took place in towns in the states of Oaxaca, Nuevo Leon, Chiapas, Veracruz, Colima, Jalisco, Baja California Norte, Guerrero, Michoacan, Sinaloa, Tamaulipas, and Morelos.

The list of those arrested is headed by Cesar David Ramos Archila, Miguel Angel Echeverria Morales, Fidel Camacho Platas, Petra Segura Morales, Rogelio Vidal Rivera, Enrique Velasco Aguilar, and Pedro Garcia Gutierrez, who were the first parties involved in the drug traffic to be arrested in the northern part of the country.

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**WARDEN FREES TRAFFICKER**--Daniel Reyes Torres, warden of the municipal jail in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, is in trouble with the courts. He was arrested by the Federal Police on Thursday, because it was discovered that he had released a prisoner who had not yet served the sentence imposed on him for drug trafficking. The federal agents began their investigation several days ago, when it was learned that countless irregularities were occurring at the Acuna jail, because many inmates were enjoying complete freedom despite the fact that they were at the disposal of the General Directorate of Coordinated Crime Prevention and Social Rehabilitation Services. During the probe, the drug trafficker Gabriel Zapata Robles was apprehended. He was supposedly jailed, serving a sentence for his guilt of the commission of a crime against health in connection with proceedings 101-974, which were heard in a federal court. The prison warden released the prisoner in September of last year. Gabriel Zapata Robles apparently paid Reyes Torres a large sum of money to allow him to go free. The foregoing is the subject of a careful investigation on the part of the Federal Judicial Police, and this individual will be dismissed from his position while, simultaneously, penal action will be brought against him for whatever crimes he is found to have committed, according to the report. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 4 Aug 79 Sec B p 3] 2909

**COCAINE TRAFFICKERS CONVICTED**--The federal criminals Roberto Rendon Ordenez and Jesus Jimenez Gallegos were declared officially imprisoned as individuals presumed guilty of committing a crime against health in the degree of cocaine possession. Both were being tried in other penal cases, but proceedings No 183-979 were recently initiated against them in the third district court. This was due to the fact that, on 20 July, guards at the Social Rehabilitation Center who were making a search of various cells in the jail discovered several packages containing cocaine concealed in a radio owned by Jesus Jimenez Gallegos. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 31 Jul 79 Sec B p 7]

**COCAINE SHIPMENT SEIZED**--Yesterday, forces from the Nogales group of Federal Judicial Police dealt the drug traffic a heavy blow when they seized a large shipment of cocaine from two well-known residents of Ciudad de Agua Prieta

who had those drugs in their possession. The individuals under arrest are Jose Luis Sosa Bonilla and Juan Montano Enriquez. They were placed at the disposal of the Federal Public Ministry by the Federal Judicial Police, Humberto Garcia de Alba, as was the shipment of cocaine. [Text] [Nogales DIARIO DE NOGALES in Spanish 8 Aug 79 pp 2, 4] 2909

PSYCHOTROPIC PILL TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--Four individuals were captured by forces of the Federal Judicial Police detailed to Monterrey as they were seeking customers to whom they could sell slightly over 27,000 "psychotropic" pills. Yesterday morning, the coordinating agency for the antidrug campaign in the northeastern zone announced the latest of countless blows dealt by the Federal Judicial Police against the poisoners of health. On a farm known as "Jesus Maria de Berrones," which belongs to the municipality of Arroyo, Nuevo Leon, the federal agents captured Martin Carcano Tienda, Francisco Montano Melendez, Fortunato Rangel Torres and Martin Perez Martinez. The aforementioned individuals were driving a 1972 Ford model pickup truck without license plates, and at the time of their arrest they had in their possession 27,500 toxic pills known as "Qualude 300." The four captives were subjected to close questioning, and eventually confessed that they were looking for clients to whom to sell the "psychotropic" drugs. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 31 Jul 79 Sec B p 4] 2909

MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS SENTENCED--Three members of a drug trafficking ring that was disbanded in February of last year in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, were given prison sentences by the second district judge. They are Efren Castillo Jarquin, Felix Cruz Rivera and Jorge Silva Perea. The first two will serve similar terms of 8 years and 3 months in prison, and will pay fines of 9,960 pesos. The latter was sentenced to 7 years and 10 months in prison. The judge found Efren Castillo and Felix Cruz penally responsible for committing a crime against health in the degrees of marihuana possession (tacit acquisition) and trafficking (for purchase and sale). Jorge Silva was sentenced for possession of the same drug. These three individuals were captured on 24 February 1978. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 31 Jul 79 Sec B p 7] 2909

CIUDAD ACUNA ANTIDRUG EFFORT--Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila--Close surveillance is being carried out by the chief of the Federal Judicial Police, Iram Giner Ramirez, and the forces under his command, to combat the drug traffic in this border port, which is being described as a springboard. Federal Judicial Police Chief Iram Giner Ramirez has remanded over 35 individuals to the agent of the Federal Public Ministry in only 3 months' time. These persons have been caught with marihuana in their possession, and others with toxic pills. Among the 35 remanded by Federal Police Chief Iram Giner were drug distributors, as well as sellers and addicts. This indicates that the Federal Police chief and the forces under his command have been working very hard, and conducting close surveillance in vice dens and remote sections of the town, in order to combat the drug traffic. He has been doing

so since he was assigned to this border port, as has been unquestionably proven by the fact that he remanded 35 persons to the Federal Public Ministry in just 3 months. It is to be hoped that he will continue his work, and curb the drug traffic and addiction completely. [Text] Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 12 Jul 79 p 2] 2909

CHAIN GANGS BEING TRANSFERRED--Seven federal prisoners were transferred to the prison in the town of Miguel Aleman in the chain gang which was formed at the La Loma jail yesterday in this town. Several agents of the Judicial Police of Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, duly armed, were responsible for taking the seven inmates who were serving their respective sentences passed on them for crimes against health at the Social Rehabilitation Center, and who will continue to serve them in the prison in that locality. Hector Garcia Trevino, head of the Social Rehabilitation Center in this town, reported that the inmates who were transferred are: Epigmenio Garza Ramirez, who has been sentenced to a 30-year term; Ricardo Gonzalez Aleman, sentenced to 7 years in jail; Jose Luis Olivo Cazares, whose term is 6 years and 10 months; Oscar Martinez Martinez, with a term of 5 years and 6 months; Josefa Rocha Sanchez, with a 6-year term; Alvaro Saldana Barrera, with a term of 7 years and 6 months; and Benito Ochoa, with a term of 5 years and 3 months. All these inmates have been sentenced for committing crimes against health, and their prison terms will continue to be served at the Miguel Aleman prison. The warden of the La Loma prison announced that, today, three inmates who are serving terms for crimes against health, namely, Homero de la Rosa, Romualdo Bustos Alanis and Israel Martinez, would be transferred to the prison in Reynosa. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 26 Jul 79 Sec B p 3] 2909

YOUTH VICTIM OF OVERDOSE--The police of Nogales, Arizona, picked up another victim of hard drugs yesterday, this time the youth Arturo Magallanes Villa, who is very well known in both towns. He was found dead, apparently from an overdose of heroin, in a car that we was driving, a 1969 maroon Impala, without license plates. Investigative agents from the neighboring town said that the youth had been found dead when an anonymous phone caller reported that a car had been parked east of Baldwin Street, and its driver was apparently slumped over the front seat, and was motionless for several hours. Young Magallanes resided at 1218 Baldwin Street, and was very well known. He was the son of Mr Vicente Magallanes and his wife, Manuela de Magallanes. The police said that the corpse was taken for an autopsy, while a search was made for three youths who reportedly were with the deceased on a nocturnal excursion the day before yesterday. He was seen with two individuals who are connected with the drug traffic, including a woman known to be a heroin distributor in Nogales, Sonora. Young Magallanes' body was waked yesterday at the Carroon Funeral Home, and he will be buried today in the local cemetery, after a Mass at 0900 hours tomorrow. At the last minute, it was reported that the youth's viscera had been sent to Phoenix so that the actual cause of his death could be ascertained. [Text] [Nogales DIARIO DE NOGALES in Spanish 8 Aug 79 p 4] 2909

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COCAINE SEIZURE--Agents of the narcotics office of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury arrested Sarah Anne Hendry, a U.S. citizen carrying 1 kg of cocaine, upon her arrival at Tocumen International Airport from Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Hendry was headed for Matamoros, Mexico, where she hoped to receive \$10,000 for the drug. Narcotics agents estimate that the drug is worth \$1 million in the marketplace. [Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish 1730 GMT 15 Aug 79 PA]

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PERU

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ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKERS CAMPAIGN--Using patrol boats, helicopters and light planes, the Peruvian Investigative Police (PIP) have launched a "war without quarter" against bands of international drug traffickers that have erected citadels and huge clandestine laboratories in the midst of the jungle. At the same time, operations have been mounted to smash the network transporting cocaine from the jungle to the coast or, at any rate, to destroy the airstrips from which the drug is taken directly to Columbia and the United States. The PIP's directorate of investigations of illicit drug trafficking has announced that the campaign has been more successful this year because more drugs have been seized during the first 3 months of 1979 than during the same period last year. PIP has been forced to redouble efforts in view of the onslaught by the traffickers, who arrive in our jungle with light planes, modern weapons and millions of soles to spend on bribing people living in nearby areas. According to investigations conducted this week, there are over 100 large clandestine laboratories manufacturing cocaine hydrochlorate in the jungle area of Huanuco Department alone. These are moved constantly to inaccessible places to avert detection by the police. [Text] [Lima EXPRESO in Spanish 18 Jul 79 p 9 PA]

WITCH DOCTOR COCAINE TRAFFICKERS--Lima, 15 Aug (AFP)--Police here reported the arrest of a gang of Peruvian witch doctors who in the past 3 years peddled 800 million soles (\$3.478 million) worth of drugs. Investigations police arrested ringleader Bernardino Panduro, 38, his wife Rene Cardenas and others. They were in possession of 25 kg of cocaine paste. [Paris AFP in Spanish 1841 GMT 15 Aug 79 PA]

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IRAN

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ARMS, OPIUM LOCATED--According to the central news bureau, the gendarmerie spokesman today announced that due to the efforts of gendarmerie personnel in Korasan, Khuzestan, Kermanshah, Bushehr and Lorestan, two machineguns, 17 firearms, 7,298 rounds of ammunition, 77 magazines, 8 grenades, 5,000 packs of foreign cigarettes and 25 kg of opium have been discovered. The arms and the opium were handed over to authorities. [Text] [Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 30 Jul 79 LD]

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ISRAEL

KNESSET PASSES DRUG PENALTIES REFORM BILL

Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew 25 Jul 79 p 3

[Article by Y. Tira: "Up to 15 Years in Prison for Drug Offenses"]

[Text] The kneset has passed a bill to reform drug penalties.

Up to 20 years imprisonment for leading minors into drug use.

Without opposition, the kneset passed a bill yesterday reforming drug penalties. It increases the penalties for drug offenses and for sale of dangerous drugs to 15 years imprisonment or a fine of half a million pounds. In the case of leading minors into drug use, it can be up to 20 years in prison, and it is up to the judge to determine the prison term in these serious cases.

Member of Parliament David Geles who brought the bill for a second and third hearing as chairman of the legal committee for law and justice, said that drug traffic occupies first place among the offenses of organized crime in the United States and in Israel. According to data presented in the committee, the financial return of the retail drug trade annually is about a billion pounds which pours into the pockets of the underworld.

Mr Geles proposed establishing a supervisory authority for war on drugs which would be composed of representatives of all the authorities, and the following must be included in their sphere of operations: departments of justice, police, education and culture, employment and security, health and public organizations.

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KUWAIT

THREE SMUGGLERS CAPTURED CARRYING LARGE AMOUNT OF HEROIN

Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic 19 Jul 79 p 3

[Article: "First Attempt To Smuggle Heroin Stopped: Apprehension of Three Smugglers Upon Their Arrival From Abadan"]

[Text] The first attempt to smuggle heroin into Kuwait has been discovered. Criminal investigations police, under the command of Col 'Abdallah Ahmad al-Fadi, were able to seize a certain amount of this narcotic, estimated at 3,000 dinars worth.



Investigation reports indicated that 'Ali, 'Abdallah and Yusuf, who are employed in government offices, had agreed to undertake a heroin smuggling operation from Abadan to Kuwait. Immediately afterwards these individuals were placed under close observation in all of their movements.

The investigators knew that the three accused had left the country to go to Abadan via Iraq, and they continued to observe them when they returned to the country, arresting them in the hideout where they were meeting to sell some of the smuggled material.

First, the so-called 'Ali was arrested and he tried to deny everything, but he was confronted with the abundant evidence in the hands of the narcotics agents and disclosed all that he knew. Thereupon, the agents went on to arrest 'Ali's two companions 'Abdallah and Yusuf, confiscating the entire amount of heroin, estimated at a value of 3,000 Kuwaiti dinars.

After the accused were interrogated, they were sent to the office of the general prosecutor who ordered their detention in the custody of the court.

Colonel al-Fadl stated that the substance heroin is one of the most dangerous types of narcotics known, and that investigators and officials are working to protect the citizens by disrupting the flow into the country.

He added that the drug enforcement administration will continue its efforts and aspirations to eradicate such (smuggling) attempts, and to frustrate those who attempt to barter with the well-being of the society and its members by running after wealth through illicit profits.

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FRANCE

ANTIDRUG EFFORTS OUTLINED BY GOVERNMENT

Paris LE FIGARO in French 2 Aug 79 pp 1, 9

[Article by Catherine Delsol]

[Text] Informing everybody, at all levels--children, parents, doctors, teachers, instructors, judges, social workers, etc.--informing continually and in a better manner, that is, in the most skillful manner possible. This is one of the essential ideas propounded yesterday by Mrs Pelletier, ministerial delegate for women's affairs, in a paper dealing with the struggle being carried on in France against the use of drugs and the steps to be taken in the months to come.

In fact, the minister answered a question that has often been asked, namely, is it useful or even desirable to generate reports concerning drug problems? "Yes," says Mrs Pelletier, "without a doubt, on condition that each report be specifically directed to its audience. It is not possible to use the same method for addressing young people and their parents, doctors and judges. Consequently, various ministries will devote themselves in the months ahead to developing a report intended for some of their officers who were assigned to contact drug addicts. Justice, interior, education and health are the ministries which are particularly involved."

More specific action will be requested of the Ministry of Education since the young drug addicts are essentially recruited from the school systems. Therefore, one individual will be appointed within each school district at the start of the coming school year to prescribe the procedures for combating the drug problem within the schools.

He will have to see to it that the "health clubs" which already exist in some high schools be expanded.

Created due to the initiative taken by the school superintendents and encouraged by the administrative or social staff of the school establishments which issue calls for help by experts, these clubs organize meetings dealing with those "health" subjects selected by the students.

The drug problem is generally one of the first subjects brought up and this type of information appears to be particularly interesting since it is, first of all, an answer to requests made by the youth and is therefore not resented by them as being "a lot of hogwash."

A specific course of action will also be taken with regard to the parents. Although persuaded, as she told us after the session with the Council of Ministers, that "in the area of drugs, a healthy family environment is the best preventative," Mrs Pelletier remains convinced that grownups lack information dealing with drug addiction unless they are confronted with the problem and that many tragedies would be avoided if adults were prepared to discuss the matter with their drug-addicted children.

In addition to an intensive information campaign, the struggle against the use of drugs will rely mainly on strengthening the police force and equipment. At the present time, in France, in order to battle this plague, use is being made of 214 officers belonging to special squads attached to the headquarters of the Criminal Investigation Department and 566 inspectors of the city police.

These forces will be increased particularly in two departments of the Paris region where the number of young drug addicts has increased alarmingly in recent months, namely, Val-de-Marne and Seine-Saint-Denis. It is difficult to explain why the drug problem, which was originally a Parisian phenomenon, could spread so rapidly to the suburbs.

According to the experts, this is a demographic rather than a sociological problem. Paris is becoming less and less crowded and the shift in population has resulted in a geographical shift in the drug problem.

To point out that the two suburbs now being charged with the problem are strewn with flophouses that shelter the underprivileged is not a realistic argument. Drug abuse exists at all levels of society and the Neuilly high schools are facing a problem which becomes more serious each year. With regard to the medical and social phases of this problem, Monique Pelletier has announced that there will be organized two new experimental "coordinated therapeutic services" in the departments of Seine-Saint-Denis and Alpes-Maritimes. These services which have already been established in a few departments and are each headed by a physician appointed by the prefect, make it possible to take over complete charge of drug addicts (and possibly their parents) from reception to reintegration into society and, of course, including treatment.

Morally supported throughout his ordeal and helped to resume his studies or to find work, the drug addict who goes through this treatment generally pulls through much better and more quickly.

Finally, in a completely different area, an experiment will also be tried to help the imprisoned drug addicts who are generally drug pushers. Thus, a prison-hospital cell will be created at a regional level to treat these "deficient" prisoners. For the time being, final selection of the region has not been made.

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